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REF A. GENEVA 4069 B. MADRID A-107 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF CHECKED WITH HIGH LEVEL MINISTRY OF FINANCE
OFFICIAL REGARDING STATEMENTS SPANISH REP AT JUNE 25 GATT
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING RE POSSIBLE
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS. THE GOS OFFICIAL WAS
MOST EMPHATIC THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IS JUST THE
OPPOSITE. HE ASSERTED THAT SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND
FINANCE MINISTER ANTONIO BARRERA DE IRIMO, WHO SUPERVISES
ALL THE ECONOMIC MINISTRIES AND THEREFORE DETERMINES
POLICY ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS OTHERS, HAS MADE IT QUITE
CLEAR THAT SPAIN IS FOLLOWING AND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW
A LIBERAL LINE AND, IN FACT, HAS JUST RECENTLY LOWERED
IMPORT TARIFFS (REF B). THE FINANCE MINISTRY

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SOURCE SAID THAT WITHOUT A DOUBT THE SPANISH DEL IN GENEVA

MUST HAVE BEEN EXTEMPORIZING AND CERTAINLY DID NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE HIGH POLICY LEVELS WITHIN THE SPANISH GOVT IN HIS REPORTED STATEMENTS ON JUNE 25.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPANISH MISSION IN GENEVA SECONDED THE OPINIONS OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY NOTED ABOVE. FURTHER, HE SAID THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MISSION IN GENEVA WERE JUST THE OPPOSITE. THE MISSION WAS TOLD TO LAMENT THE ITALIAN ACTION AND HE ASSURED THE EMBOFF THAT THE SPANISH DEL WAS SPEAKING ENTIRELY FOR HIMSELF IF HE MADE THE STATEMENTS REPORTED REF A. THE FONOFF WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SPOKE IN GENEVA WAS KNOWN FOR THIS SORT OF BEHAVIOR AND THAT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN TO REPRIMAND HIM FOR DEVIATING FROM THE OFFICIAL LINE.
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